

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Under Secretary for Food and Safety. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Merle Pierson, Acting Under Secretary, Food Safety; Barbara J. Masters, Acting Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Francis J. Harvey, Secretary; and GEN. J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Agencies held a hearing on HIV/AIDS Budget. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Randall L. Tobias, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security held a hearing on Secretary of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of the Interior. Testimony was heard from Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Defense Privatization Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William A. Armbruster, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Privatization and Partnerships, Department of the Army; Wayne Arny, Deputy Assistant Secretary, In-

stallations and Facilities, Department of the Navy; Fred Kuhn, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Installations, Department of the Air Force; and Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Department of Defense Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary, Comptroller; and Phil Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Secretary of Commerce. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: GEN John Abizaid, USA, Combatant Commander, U.S. Central Command and GEN Bryan D. Brown, USA, Combatant Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2006 National Defense Authorization budget request—Navy Research and Development: Programs in Support of the War on Terrorism, Naval Transformation, and Future Naval Capabilities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary, Research, Development and Acquisition; VADM Joseph A. Sestak, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs; VADM Lewis W. Crenshaw, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements and Assessments; RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief of Naval Research; LTG Robert Magnus, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Programs and Resources; and LTG James N. Mattis, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the National Defense Authorization budget request. Testimony was heard

from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Ambassador Linton F. Brooks, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Paul M. Golan, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND CURRENT FISCAL ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues. Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

RETIREMENT SECURITY CRISIS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "The Retirement Security Crisis: The Administration's Proposal for Pension Reform and its Implications for Workers and Taxpayers." Testimony was heard from Ann Combs, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration; Mark Warshawsky, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; Bradley Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and public witnesses.

COMMUNICATIONS MARKETPLACE COMPETITION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled "Competition in the Communications Marketplace: How Technology is Changing the Structure of the Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS—CONFORMITY PROVISIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "Clean Air Act Transportation Conformity Provisions Contained in H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users." Testimony was heard from Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; Charles D. Nottingham, Associate Administrator, Policy, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HUD AND THE BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Financial Services: Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development, including the Department's budget request for fiscal year 2006. Testimony was heard from Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization held a hearing entitled "The Countdown to Completion: Implementing the New Department of Homeland Security Personnel System." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Neil A. G. McPhie, Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board; Ronald Sanders, Associate Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, OPM; Ronald James, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING PENSIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability held a hearing entitled "Protecting Pensions and Ensuring the Solvency of PBGC." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Bradley Belt, Executive Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation; and a public witness.

EMERGING THREATS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emergency Threats and International Relations, hearing entitled "Emerging Threats: Overclassification and Psuedo-classification." Testimony was heard from J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; RADM Christopher A. McMahon, USMS, Acting Director, Departmental Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response, Department of Transportation; Harold Rlyea, Specialist in American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; Richard Ben-Veniste, Commissioner, National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; and public witness.

"PROPOSED FY 2006 BUDGET: INTEGRATING HOMELAND SECURITY SCREENING OPERATIONS"

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity held a hearing entitled "Proposed FY 2006 Budget: Integrating Homeland Security Screening Operations." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jim Williams, Director, US-VISIT Program, Border and Transportation Security Directorate; Carol DiBattiste, Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration; and Deborah J. Spero, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 18, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; and H. Con. Res. 32, Expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic.

CRISIS IN NEPAL

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on the Crisis in Nepal. Testimony was heard from Donald Camp, Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary, South Asia Bureau, Department of State.

UN OPERATIONS: INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on United Nations Operations: Integrity and Accountability. Testimony was heard from Patrick F. Kennedy, Ambassador to the United Nations, Management and Reform, U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Department of State and Joseph A. Christoff, Director, International Affairs and Trade Teams, GAO.

PRESCRIPTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE SOLUTIONS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Prescriptions for Health Care Solutions." Testimony was heard from Representative King of (IA.) Mike O'Grady, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.

BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the U.S. Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to resume hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 131, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 3 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider an original resolution entitled Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 2006 and 2007, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, for foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine ensuring drug safety, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, James C. Dever III, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Robert J. Conrad, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Medicare Modernization Act regarding delivering prescription drugs to dual eligibles, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on the Reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Under Secretary for Farm